

Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Implementation Proposal Proof of Formal Adoption

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Attachment 2 consists of satisfying the IRWM adoption requirements of the IRWM Plan by the four agencies implementing the projects contained in this proposal and by other Regional Water Management Group members.

Regional Water Management Group

The Pajaro River Watershed IRWM region prepared and adopted the first IRWM Plan in May 2007. The following table lists the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) and the date of IRWM Plan adoption. In September 2010, the region submitted a Planning Grant Application to DWR to seek funding for an IRWM Plan Update. The application was awarded approximately \$1 million to update the plan to reflect current regional conditions and comply with updated IRWM planning standards and guidelines. Since 2011, the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) has been working with watershed stakeholders to update the IRWM Plan. The updated plan is expected to be adopted by September 2013.

Copies of the adoption resolutions for each of the RWMG members are included in Exhibit 2.1.

Implementing Agencies

There are two implementation project sponsors that are not on the RWMG, including the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County and the Pajaro Sunny Mesa Community Services District. As allowed in the IRWM Guidelines, if the region is in the process of updating the IRWM Plan, then project proponents are not required to adopt the existing plan but will be required to adopt the updated plan. Both agencies have signed Letters of Intent, indicating their commitment to adopting the plan, when final (Exhibit 2.2).

EXHIBIT 2.1
RWMG IRWM PLAN ADOPTION RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-10

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SAN BENITO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
ADOPTING THE PAJARO RIVER WATERSHED
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, the State electorate approved multiple statewide bond measures since 2000 to fund water and natural resource projects and programs, including \$3.44 billion under Proposition 50, of which \$500 million is directed to Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM); and

WHEREAS, the State electorate approved Proposition 84 on November 7, 2006, which contains a total of \$5.39 billion for water and natural resource projects and programs, including \$1 billion for IRWM with \$52 million of that amount allocated to the Central Coast; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of integrated planning for water management activities include increased efficiency and effectiveness, enhanced collaboration across agencies and stakeholders, and improved responsiveness to regional needs and priorities; and

WHEREAS, state statute and guidelines require that an IRWM Plan must be adopted by the governing boards of participating agencies before IRWM grant funds will be provided for water management projects that are part of the IRWM Plan; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2004, the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (PVWMA), San Benito County Water District (SBCWD), and Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) entered into an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the purpose of developing and implementing a Pajaro River Watershed Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) that includes a description of and strategies to address common issues of the parties relating to water supply, water quality, flood protection and environmental enhancement; and

WHEREAS, watershed stakeholders that were contacted by PVWMA, SBCWD, and SCVWD agreed to participate in the development of the IRWMP; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Plan was made available for public comment in March 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Plan before the Board for consideration incorporates comments received during the public review period; and

WHEREAS, the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Plan provides an implementation framework that calls for tracking accomplishments, developing lists of prioritized projects and periodically updating the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Plan as conditions warrant, provided funding and resources are available to carry out these activities; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Plan does not entail a direct commitment of resources, and implementation of each project will be the responsibility of the project proponent and any applicable project partners, and there is no joint commitment or responsibility by the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Plan participants to implement any or all of the projects; and


WHEREAS, the IRWM Plan is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15262 and §15306 because the IRWM Plan consists of basic data collection that would not result in the disturbance of any environmental resource and involves planning studies for possible actions that the participating agencies have not yet approved; and

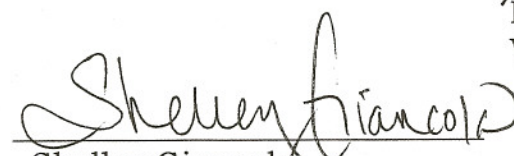
WHEREAS, the IRWM Plan is meant to be complementary to participating agencies' individual plans and programs and does not supersede such plans and programs, and adoption of the IRWM Plan does not prohibit nor affect in any way a participating agencies' planning efforts separate from the IRWM Plan;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of SBCWD does hereby adopt the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Plan.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of SBCWD by the following vote on May 23, 2007.

AYES:	Directors	Bettencourt, Tobias, Perry and Flores
NOES:	Directors	None
ABSENT:	Directors	Swanson
ABSTAIN:	Directors	None

BY: 
Frank Bettencourt
Vice President

ATTEST: 
Shelley Giancola
District Secretary



Resolution 2007-11

A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the
Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency

**Adopting the Pajaro River Watershed Integrated Regional
Water Management Plan**

The Board of Directors of the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the State electorate approved multiple statewide bond measures since 2000 to fund water and natural resource projects and programs, including \$3.44 billion under Proposition 50, of which \$500 million is directed to Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM); and

WHEREAS, the State electorate approved Proposition 84 on November 7, 2006, which contains a total of \$5.39 billion for water and natural resource projects and programs, including \$1 billion for IRWM with \$52 million of that amount allocated to the Central Coast; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of integrated planning for water management activities include increased efficiency and effectiveness, enhanced collaboration across agencies and stakeholders, and improved responsiveness to regional needs and priorities; and

WHEREAS, state statute and guidelines require that an IRWM Plan must be adopted by the governing boards of participating agencies before IRWM grant funds will be provided for water management projects that are part of the IRWM Plan; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2004, the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (PVWMA), San Benito County Water District (SBCWD), and Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) entered into an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the purpose of developing and implementing a Pajaro River Watershed Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) that includes a description of and strategies to address common issues of the parties relating to water supply, water quality, flood protection and environmental enhancement; and

WHEREAS, watershed stakeholders that were contacted by PVWMA, SBCWD, and SCVWD agreed to participate in the development of the IRWMP; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Plan was made available for public comment in March 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Plan before the Board for consideration incorporates comments received during the public review period; and

WHEREAS, the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Plan provides an implementation framework that calls for tracking accomplishments, developing lists of prioritized projects and periodically updating the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Plan as conditions warrant, provided funding and resources are available to carry out these activities; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Plan does not entail a direct commitment of resources, and implementation of each project will be the responsibility of the project proponent and any applicable project partners, and there is no joint commitment or responsibility by the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Plan participants to implement any or all of the projects; and

WHEREAS, the IRWM Plan is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15262 and §15306 because the IRWM Plan consists of basic data collection that would not result in the disturbance of any environmental resource and involves planning studies for possible actions that the participating agencies have not yet approved; and

WHEREAS, the IRWM Plan is meant to be complementary to participating agencies' individual plans and programs and does not supersede such plans and programs, and adoption of the IRWM does not prohibit nor affect in any way a participating agencies' planning efforts separate from the IRWM Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency does hereby adopt the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Plan.

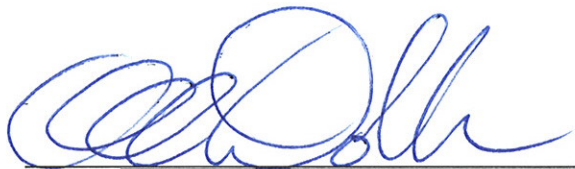
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, the 6th day of June, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES: Directors: Dobler, Imazio, Kegebein, Cervantes, Osmer, Koenig

NOES: Directors: None

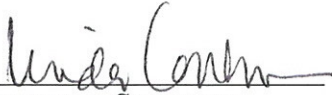
ABSENT: Directors: None

ABSTAIN: Directors: Eiskamp



Michael Dobler, Chair

Attest:


Linda Contreras, Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 07- 37

ADOPTING THE PAJARO RIVER WATERSHED
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the state electorate approved multiple statewide bond measures since 2000 to fund water and natural resource projects and programs, including \$3.44 billion under Proposition 50, of which \$500 million is directed to Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM); and

WHEREAS, the state electorate approved Proposition 84 on November 7, 2006, which contains a total of \$5.39 billion for water and natural resource projects and programs, including \$1 billion for IRWM; and

WHEREAS, the state electorate approved Proposition 1E on November 7, 2006, which contains \$300 million for stormwater flood management projects that are consistent with a IRWM Plan; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of integrated planning for water management activities include increased efficiency and effectiveness, enhanced collaboration across agencies and stakeholders, and improved responsiveness to regional needs and priorities; and

WHEREAS, state statute and guidelines require that an IRWM Plan must be adopted by the governing boards of participating agencies before IRWM grant funds will be provided for water management projects that are part of the IRWM Plan; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2004, the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency, San Benito County Water District, and the Santa Clara Valley Water District entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for the coordinating water resources management; and

WHEREAS, a series of five public workshops were held on the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Plan during 2006 and 2007 to provide the general public and stakeholders an opportunity to ask questions, provide comments and make recommendations during development of the IRWM Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Plan was made available for public comment in March 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Plan before the Board for consideration incorporates comments received during the public review period; and

WHEREAS, the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Plan provides an implementation framework that calls for tracking accomplishments, developing lists of prioritized project and periodically updating the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Plan, provided funding and resources are available to carry out these activities; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Plan does not commit the District to implementing any specific project, and implementation of each project will be the responsibility of the project proponent and any applicable project partners, and there is no joint commitment or responsibility by the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Plan participating agencies to implement any or all of the projects; and

WHEREAS, the IRWM Plan is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guideline §15262, because the IRWM Plan is a planning study for possible actions that the participating agencies have not yet approved, and appropriate CEQA analysis will be performed prior to approval of any specific project; and

WHEREAS, the IRWM Plan is meant to be complementary to participating agencies' individual plans and programs and does not supersede such plans and programs, and adoption of the IRWM does not prohibit nor affect in any way a participating agencies' planning efforts separate from the IRWM Plan;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Santa Clara Valley Water District does hereby adopt the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Plan.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Santa Clara Valley Water District by the following vote on May 22, 2007.

AYES: Directors R. Kamei, R. Santos, J. Judge, S. Sanchez, L. Wilson
G. Zlotnick, T. Estremera

NOES: Directors None

ABSENT: Directors None

ABSTAIN: Directors None

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

By: 
TONY ESTREMERERA
Chair/Board of Directors

ATTEST: LAUREN L. KELLER


Clerk/Board of Directors

EXHIBIT 2.2
PROJECT SPONSORS' LETTERS OF INTENT

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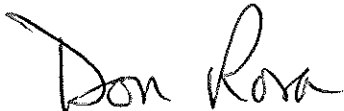
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March 11, 2013

Ms. Tracie Billington
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re: Intent to Adopt the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Plan Update

The Pajaro River Watershed IRWM region prepared and adopted the first IRWM Plan in May 2007. In September 2010, the region submitted a Planning Grant Application to DWR to seek funding for an IRWM Plan Update. The application was awarded approximately \$1 million to update the plan to reflect current regional conditions and comply with updated IRWM planning standards and guidelines. Since 2011, the Pajaro/Sunny Mesa Community Services District has been participating in the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Plan Update. As an active stakeholder and participant in the process, the Pajaro/Sunny Mesa Community Services District intends to adopt the updated plan when complete (currently scheduled for September 2013). Our Agency appreciates the opportunity to work with other stakeholder in our watershed to protect our valuable resources.



Don Rosa
General Manager

3-12-2013

Date

March 12th, 2013

Project sponsor info: The Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County (RCDSCC)
“Pajaro Agricultural Water Quality and Aquifer Enhancement Project”

RE: Intent to Adopt the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Plan Update

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